31st January 1931]

*Vacancies in the Fisheries Training Institute, Calicut.*

*363 Q.—Mr. A. B. SHETTY : Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Excise be pleased to state—

(a) whether the vacancies in the Fisheries Training Institute, Calicut, have been filled up;

(b) how long the institute was without the Headmaster and the First Assistant;

(c) whether the first assistant's post still remains vacant; and

(d) what arrangements have been made to carry on the work?

A.—(a) Not all.

(b) The Headmaster was absent from 7th October 1930 to 1st December 1930; the First Assistant from 4th August 1930 to 22nd August 1930. The latter has again been absent from 9th September 1930.

(c) Yes.

(d) The work of the absent members of the staff has been distributed among the other members of the staff.

Mr. A. B. SHETTY :—"May I know whether in the absence of the headmaster and the first assistant, the other members of the staff were able to carry on the work of the institute?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. KUMARASWAMI REDDIYAR :—"I think so."

Mr. A. B. SHETTY :—"May I know why the vacancies were not filled up?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. KUMARASWAMI REDDIYAR :—"Because it was not possible."

Mr. BASHEER AHMED SAYEED :—"May I know what is the meaning of the word 'absent'? Does it mean 'without leave' or 'sent away' or 'suspended from work'?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. KUMARASWAMI REDDIYAR :—"It means absence on leave."

*Fish-curing yards in charge of peons.*

*364 Q.—Mr. A. B. SHETTY : Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Excise be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that there are many fish-curing yards in charge of peons; and

(b) what the number of yards is which are now in charge of peons?

A.—(a) & (b) Out of 113 fish-curing yards, 45 are in charge of peons.

[For further list of starred questions, please see page 744 infra.]

## UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

### Criminal Justice

*Convictions for manufacturing contraband salt.*

365 Q.—Mr. C. SATYANARAYANA CHOUDARI : Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether he is aware of the decision of Sessions Judge, Nellore, declaring that it is illegal for the police to proceed in cases of manufacturing of contraband salt and that it is the Salt department alone that can move in such cases;